

South King County Projects Update

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South King County traffic closures this week

Interstate 5, Federal Way to Kent

Monday through Thursday nights [I-5 will be reduced to a single lane](#) in each direction between S. 320th Street and the Pierce County line in Federal Way as crews make pavement improvements.

Tuesday through Thursday nights crews will close two northbound I-5 lanes between Military Road and S. 272nd Street in Kent from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for restriping. This will reduce northbound I-5 to three lanes. Crews will continue restriping I-5 between Federal Way and Tukwila over the next two months, so please be prepared for more nighttime lane closures in this area.

State Route 167, Kent

On Thursday night crews will close the right lane on northbound SR 167 at 8 p.m. and the northbound on-ramp at Willis Street (SR 516) at 10 p.m. to demolish the Meeker Street bridge rail and install construction barrier. The lane and ramp will reopen by 5 a.m. Friday.

State Route 99, Federal Way

Monday through Friday crews will [close the right lane in each direction](#) between S. 284th and S. 272nd streets to install temporary lighting and clear the shoulders.

State Route 599, Tukwila

Monday through Thursday nights crews will close the left lane in each direction of SR 599 at the East Marginal Way crossing from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. for work in the median on [Sound Transit's light rail project](#).

You're invited to help continue planning Washington's transportation future

In our July 25 e-mail update, we told you that the Washington State Transportation Commission is gathering public input on the Washington Transportation Plan Update for 2007 to 2026. A [public outreach event](#) is coming to Seattle next week.

- Date: Wednesday, Aug. 23
- Time: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Seattle Public Library, Central Branch (1000 4th Ave., Seattle)

Two presentations will be made at this event, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. This is the only chance for South King County drivers to attend a nearby WTP event before the public comment period ends on Sept. 1. Please come and learn about the plan, and give your input on Washington's transportation future.

WSDOT counts down the "DOT" days of summer

While many people enjoy the dog days of summer in August, WSDOT crews and contractors are entering our busiest month of the entire year. During this month we're counting down the "DOT days of summer" by [highlighting key milestones](#) on a few of the nearly 400 construction projects currently underway around the state.

Why is August such a busy month for us? It's traditionally the consistently driest month of the year, days and nights are warmer, and humidity is lower which makes painting and paving easier as the products sticks better.

With all the construction we need to get done in a short amount of time, we can't avoid affecting traffic. However, we do everything we can to minimize the inconvenience to you. For example, we do a lot of our work overnight, we avoid major closures on weekends with many events such as Seafair weekend, and we coordinate major closures to provide alternate routes. We appreciate your patience as we make improvements that will ease congestion, improve safety, and give you a better ride on our roads.

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. [Submit questions or comments.](#)

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